

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services.

DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL (DSH) PAYMENTS

For DSH hospital payments made on or after October 1, 2005, the Department's current DSH policies will no longer be in effect. At a future date, after the completion of additional study and discussions with the Department's Hospital Advisory Committee, the Department will present a public notice that will address criteria to determine hospital eligibility and the manner in which available funds will be allocated among eligible hospitals. The non-federal share of any future DSH payments will be provided solely by intergovernmental transfers from governmental entities with which participating hospitals are associated, from the certified public expenditure of funds by participating public hospitals, or from State appropriations specifically designated as a source of matching funds for DSH payments.

This public notice is available for review at each county Department of Family and Children Services office. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on the proposed changes should do so before October 13, 2005, to the Board of Community Health, P. O. Box 38406, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Comments so submitted will be available for review by the public at the Department of Community Health, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Room 4074, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

An opportunity for public comment will be held on October 13, 2005, at 12:00 p.m. in conjunction with the October meeting of the Board of Community Health. Individuals who are disabled and in need of assistance to participate during the meeting should call (404) 656-4479. The Board will vote on the proposed change after comments have been received. The October Board meeting will be held in the Floyd Room of the Twin Towers Building, 20th Floor, West Tower, 200 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 8th DAY OF September, 2005.

Tim Burgess, Commissioner